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SUBJECT: UNIDO-PREPARATIONS FOR LIMA CONFERENCE,
GROUP B MEETING

REF: A. VIENNA 1693; B. STATE 043484; C. EC BRUSSELS 1553

SUMMARY. GROUP B MET FEB. 27 FURTHER TO CONSIDER
IMPLICATIONS OF ALGIERS G-77 MEETING, CONSEQUENTIAL
GROUP B STRATEGY AND UNIDO-II DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS.
NO DECISIONS TAKEN. NEXT GROUP B MEETING WILL BE
OPENED BY NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN ON MARCH 10 AT LIMA. END
SUMMARY.

1. GROUP B MET FEB. 27 (AMB. BOT, NETHERLANDS IN CHAIR)

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TO EXCHANGE VIEWS RE SIGNIFICANCE OF PREVIOUS DAY'S MEETING WITH G-77 REPS AND IMPLICATIONS OF ALGIERS TEXT. CONSENSUS OF THOSE DELEGATIONS THAT SPOKE (THROUGHOUT MEETING ONLY FOLLOWING DELS SPOKE TO SUBSTANCE OR TACTICS: FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, IRELAND, US AND NETHERLANDS) WAS THAT ALGIERS PRODUCED HARDENING OF G-77 POSITION; ALL BUT FRANCE AGREED THAT REGARDLESS OF ASSERTIONS OF WILINGNESS ENGAGE IN OPEN DIALOGUE, CONFRONTATION OVER SUBSTANCE PROBABLE IF NOT INEVITABLE.

2. WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF RATHER GRIM CLIMATE TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF GROUP B UNITY AND, DRAWING ON REF. B TO ADVOCATE SETTING ASIDE OF PRODUCT OF FRENCH-CHAIRMAN AMENDMENT EXERCISE IN FAVOR OF JANUARY GROUP B PAPER (B/4) IN EVENT GROUP B DECIDES SUBMIT COMPREHENSIVE TEXT AT EARLY STAGE OF LIMA PROCEEDINGS.

3. ENSUING DISCUSSION SEEMED TO CONSTITUTE AT LEAST MEASURE OF AGREEMENT THAT A) GROUP B WOULD CONSIDER DURING ITS MAR. 10-11 LIMA MEETINGS WHETHER TO SUBMIT FOR TACTICAL REASONS ITS OWN TEXT AT EARLY STAGE OF PROCEEDINGS, ALTHOUGH ALL HANDS ARE AGREED THAT DE FACTO BASIS OF LIMA NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE G-77 PRODUCT; B) IF TEXT IS TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG THESE LINES, IT WOULD BE B/4 TEXT, ALTHOUGH SOME FURTHER AMENDMENT IT PROBABLY NECESSARY IN ORDER OBTAIN BROAD GROUP B SUPPORT; C) GROUP B WOULD HAVE TO PREPARE ITSELF TO SUBMIT SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO G-77 TEXT-- FOR THIS PURPOSE ACCOUNT WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN OF B/4, FRENCH-CHAIRMAN PRODUCT, AND/OR PRODUCT OF EC DELIBERATIONS AT BRUSSELS (REF. C).

4. THERE APPEARED ALSO BE LARGE MEASURE OF CONSENSUS THAT GROUP B BE IN POSITION TO ANNEX TO FINAL REPORT OF LIMA CONFERENCE COHERENT, REASONABLE TEXT REPRESENTING INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY VIEWPOINT IN EVENT CONFERENCE FAILS PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON D OF P AND P OF A. WHETHER THIS WOULD BE MODIFIED VERSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. GROUP APPEARED IN AGREEMENT THAT BUREAU ALONG LINES OF G-77 PROPOSAL (REF. A) SHOULD NOT SERVE AS CONTACT GROUP; CHAIRMAN AND RAPporteur WOULD HAVE CONFLICTING COMMITMENTS AND CRITERIA FOR ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN NOT APT PRODUCE QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARILY RELEVANT TO CONTACT GROUP WORK. NO OBJECTION VOICED

TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DRAFTING GROUP, (WHICH ACCORDING TO PHILIPPINES (SIAZON) MIGHT HAVE 11-15 MEMBERS) AND IT GENERALLY ASSUMED DRAFTING GROUP WOULD SERVE AS OR BECOME DE FACTO CONTACT GROUP. (JAPANESE HAD PICKED UP RUMOR THAT G-77 ENVISAGES CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING GROUP WOULD BE AFRICAN; WE SUSPECT IN THAT EVENT G-77 HAS ALGERIAN IN MIND.) MISSION ASSUMES US WOULD WISH BE MEMBER OF DRAFTING GROUP IF CREATED. WHETHER WE CONSIDER STANDING FOR ONE OF THE PLENARY VICE-CHAIRMANSHIPS MIGHT DEPEND ON WHAT ROLE ENVISAGED FOR THE BUREAU.

6. VARYING DEGREE OF DISSATISFACTION VOICED WITHIN GROUP B CONCERNING REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION REFLECTED IN G-77 PROPOSALS FOR BUREAU AND WE AGREED THIS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT CLOSELY IN CAPITALS TO DETERMINE RELEVANCE TO PRECEDENT AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. WE ALSO NOTED RUMOR THAT ELEMENTS WITHIN G-77 FLIRTING WITH GIVING GROUP B CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMTE II, PERHAPS IN PLACE OF PLENARY RAPPORTEUR. MISSION'S UNVOICED VIEW WAS THAT COMTE II CHAIRMANSHIP (INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS) PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT POST THAN CONFERENCE RAPPORTEURSHIP.

7. ALL AGREED MEMBER DELS SHOULD BE REFLECTING ON LIKELY GROUP B CANDIDATES FOR CONFERENCE OFFICES. RE GROUP B CHAIRMANSHIP, AMB. BOT SAID HE WOULD CONVENE NEXT GROUP MEETING AT 3:00 PM MARCH 10 AT LIMA AND FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS WOULD BE ELECTION OF GROUP CHAIRMAN. STIBRAVY

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